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S. J. RES. 16

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative
to parental rights.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2009

Mr. DEMINT introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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States relative to parental rights.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States within seven years after the date of its submission
9 by the Congress:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. The liberty of parents to direct the up-
3 bringing and education of their children is a fundamental
4 right.

5 “SECTION 2. Neither the United States nor any State
6 shall infringe upon this right without demonstrating that
7 its governmental interest as applied to the child involved
8 is of the highest order and not otherwise served.

9 “SECTION 3. No treaty may be adopted nor shall any
10 source of international law be employed to supersede, mod-
11 ify, interpret, or apply to the rights guaranteed by this
12 article.

13 “SECTION 4. This article shall take effect after the
14 date of ratification.”.

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